

Although Tarboro has no major flooding problems, portions of East Tarboro have to be evacuated when the Tar River overflows. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has investigated the situation and have proposed a flood control dike on the north and west sides of the Town of Princeville. This dike will also reduce the flood potential on the Tarboro side of the river.

The Public Works Department is in the process of formulating a Watershed Plan and the study is scheduled to be completed about May 1, 1965. It will facilitate an economical design for the whole Town.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Tarboro Public Works Department are working jointly on a study of the Hendricks Creek Watershed. The Engineers are responsible for the flood plain portion of the study and the Public Works Department is handling the topography. This study is scheduled to be completed in the near future.

Storm sewers are required as a prerequisite to subdivision approval. The cost of improvements to the existing system and major drainage facilities are borne by the Town. Recommendations:

In planning for drainage in Tarboro, the following recommendations are made:

1. Legislation for improving and extending the storm drainage system should be included in the Subdivision Regulations.
2. The storm drainage system should be reviewed periodically in order to determine whether or not the system is functioning properly and performing the duties for which it was designed.
3. The natural drainage receptacles for the Tarboro area should be cleared recurrently of refuse and debris.
4. The flood control dike proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should be constructed to protect Tarboro and its adjoining areas from excessive flooding.